

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Thousands of Minnesota's men and women have served courageously in

the United States military and, through circumstances of war beyond

their control, have been held captive by enemy forces; and

WHEREAS:

From the Revolutionary War, through current conflicts, prisoners of war

have bravely endured the loss of the very freedom they fought to defend;

and

WHEREAS:

Former prisoners of war bear the scars of their detainment and sometimes

experience additional suffering due to a lack of knowledge and

compassion in our society; and

WHEREAS:

These brave men and women are most deserving of recognition from their

fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April, 9, 2012, as:

FORMER PRISONER OF WAR DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 26th Day of March.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE